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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged to lower in the Midwest, but unchanged in all other areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was slow to at times fairly good in areas of the Midwest where snow storms were predicted. Food service covered the full range, best for holiday activities and into shopping areas. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to handle trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair to moderate with increased movement over the weekend. Wings were readily available with mixed interest. Breast items were at least adequate to available, and dark meat was mostly sufficient with thighs and thigh meat often tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 10-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	66.96	14
Chicago	61.00-64.00	63.69	32 :	61.33	62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	59.57	20
Denver	83.50	83.50	14 :	82.41	17
Detroit	61.00-65.00	65.88	8 :	63.88	52
Los Angeles	84.00	82.16	58 :	77.51	126
New York	65.00-68.00	66.50	20 :	68.05	53
Philadelphia	64.50-66.00	65.27	11 :	64.75	22
Pittsburgh	64.00-67.00	65.73	11 :	70.77	56
St. Louis	62.25-63.50	62.73	19 :	63.69	30
San Francisco	84.50	83.90	31 :	86.04	56
Composite Weighted Average					
Loads	12/10/07	Change Last Wk	12/03/07	12/11/06	
508	70.40	.04	70.36	66.13	

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	67.00-68.00	67.53	32
Central	51.00-67.00	60.22	76
Western	59.00-71.00	69.59	44
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.17	86

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 77.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,093	61.00-79.50	76.18

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	157.50	1,403
BREASTS - B/S	130.50	5,859
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50	1,462
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.00	1,148
LEG QUARTERS	42.00	9,274
WINGS	109.50	2,730

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to instances moderate as dealers assess market developments entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate; boneless skinless breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Thighs and thigh meat were clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for active retail ads, fast food, and eateries near shopping locations. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for early week trading. Wings were mixed, but available, and breast items were sufficient to available. Dark meat items were balanced to well cleared with reports of increased interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from previous week's level. Trading on this week's deliveries mixed; regular negotiations reported at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations mainly lower. Offerings were adequate to burdensome. Steep discounts were commonplace. Buying activity was fair at best. Retailer demand was moderate. Dealers reported adequate weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 5.25 to 62.47, with the volume reported unchanged at 32 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices unchanged to lower into major markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole birds was about steady. Offerings limited. Retail demand was generally slow to moderate, instances fairly good. Food service was slow to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light on generally balanced supplies. Market tone was steady to firm on boneless dark meat, steady to barely steady on breast cuts and steady on balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally moderate for early week business. Offerings, although not that available, were adequate for current trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to slightly on the heavy side. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 67 to 81 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings were somewhat slow, dark meat items were currently balanced, although some caution was noted on leg quarters. White meat items were usually in fair balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE	59-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest increased over the weekend as most dealers noted fairly good clearances. Offerings of bone-in breast were at least adequate to available; boneless skinless breasts, wings and most dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs. Tenders were in better balance and at least adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady for bone-in breast; thighs and thigh meat were well cleared. The balance of items were mostly steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	122.69	536,420
TENDERLOINS	105-110	102.86	138,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	77.51	54,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	66.50	71,480
LEGS	59-60	61.64	127,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.50	150,440
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	57.96	47,051
THIGHS	53-54	57.58	33,360
B/S THIGHS	113-114	117.95	82,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	111.85	185,260
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.27	10,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.63	5,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	55.85	16,800

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,599	102.00-171.00	110-119	114.64
TENDERLOINS	370	88.00-194.00	100-106	104.04
BREAST - WITH RIBS	194	48.00-63.00	55-63	55.62
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	886	38.00-41.00	38-39	39.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,417	39.00-46.00	39-41	40.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	646	91.00-126.00	105-114	108.86
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,212	48.00-52.00	48	48.15

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/10	12/06	12/06	12/03	11/29
Alabama	4,221	4,163	5.46	4,193	5.47
Arkansas	5,207	5,262	5.26	5,148	5.41
Delmarva	2,278	2,274	5.85	2,321	5.85
KY-LA-TN	2,445	2,495	5.10	2,480	5.18
Mississippi	3,170	3,178	5.66	3,150	5.70
North Carolina	2,924	2,721	7.05	2,681	7.03
Texas	2,527	2,533	5.19	2,669	5.24
Total	22,772	22,626	5.60	22,642	5.67
Mon	22,772 (A)			22,642 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Dec 2007 is estimated to be 34,069,000 up 0.27 percent from a week ago and up 5.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,977,000 last year 32,263,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	657	105.00-182.00	-	118.54
TENDERLOINS	191	95.00-175.00	-	105.39
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	264	50.00-67.00	53-55	58.16
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	443	35.00-42.00	37-38	38.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,002	37.00-45.00	39-40	39.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	98.00-116.00	106-109	108.02
WINGS (CUT)	100	115.00-124.00	-	120.85
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 10, 2007 -- F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 50.00	47.08	45.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

#### MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES  
DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI  
WEEK OF 10-DEC-2007 TO 14-DEC-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	109.00 - 134.00	110.00 - 119.00
TENDERLOINS	93.00 - 117.00	104.00 - 106.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 87.00	67.00 - 72.00
LEGS	57.00 - 64.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	36.00 - 50.00	41.00 - 43.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 48.00	43.00 - 45.00
DRUMSTICKS	44.00 - 65.00	-
THIGHS	48.00 - 66.00	-
B/S THIGHS	112.00 - 123.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.00 - 114.00	106.00 - 110.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 51.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	89.5-105.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	93-110
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	112
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	130
	DRY PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS		204-207

\*\*\*On January 4, 2008 these reports will be combined into the new National Mechanically Separated Chicken report and will no longer be available as a separate report. Until then, the new National MSC report will run concurrently and may be viewed at:\*\*\*  
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/PDF%20Reports/MSC/msc.htm>.

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----**  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75	15.00-16.00	599,000	221,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.75	15.79		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	3,600,000	2,360,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.62	13.30		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- VOLUME ----**  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	11.00-15.25	3,345,600	1,591,200
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	12.11		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was seasonally moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25		9.40
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were reduced. Shipping channels remained active, movement of dressed product had slowed at retail outlets. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.5		9.21

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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